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SUBJECT:EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE RE NASA

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1. DEPT. DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT PRESS RELEASE AS ENVISIONED REFTEL WOULD BE DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME. WE WANT DISCUSSIONS WITH GOMR RE EQUIPMENT TO BE HELD QUIETLY IN BEST POSSIBLE ATMOSPHERE AND WOULD NOT LIKE TO PREJUDICE OUTCOME WITH WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE OPEN U.S. ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN PUBLIC SUPPORT OF ITS POSITION AGAINST HOST GOVERNMENT.

2. FYI: WE DOUBT THAT PUBLIC OPINION WOULD HAVE MUCH INFLUENCE ON RATSIRAKA. DEPT. BELIEVES THAT STRENGTH OF U.S. POSITION HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY DEMONSTRATED BY OUR REFUSAL TO "KNUCKLE UNDER" TO RATSIRAKA AND NASA DECISION TO CLOSE STATION AND EVACUATE PERSONNEL. QUESTION OF SUITABLE PRESS RELEASE COULD BE RECONSIDERED DEPENDING ON

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COURSE OR OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS. END FYI.

3. IN LIEU SUGGESTED STATEMENT PARA 6 REFTTEL, CHARGE
SHOULD SIMPLY INDICATE THAT HE TRUSTS GOMR WILL GIVE MOST
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO U.S. NOTE OF AUGUST 7 WHICH

REFLECTED U.S. DESIRE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION TO
RESIDUAL PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF CLOSING OF NASA STATION.
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